

17-5639 CHAVEZ-MEZA V. UNITED STATES

DECISION BELOW: 854 F.3d 655

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 16-2062

QUESTION PRESENTED:

When a district court decides not to grant a proportional sentence reduction under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2), must it provide some explanation for its decision when the reasons are not otherwise apparent from the record, as the United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits have held, or can it issue its decision without any explanation whatsoever so long as it is issued on a pre-printed form order containing boilerplate language providing that the court has "tak[en] into account the policy statement set forth at U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10 and the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable," as the Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth and Tenth Circuits have held?

JUSTICE GORSUCH TOOK NO PART.

ORDER OF MARCH 3, 2018.

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CERT. GRANTED 1/12/2018